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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2004, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 6 and amend claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 as indicated in the list  
of claims for the present application beginning on the following page.

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dependency on claim 3. Similarly, claims 9-11 are believed allowable in dependent form based on their dependency on claim 8.

Applicant notes that although claim 12 had been withdrawn under a species type restriction requirement, it is dependent on claim 8 which is indicated as being allowable, placing claim 12 in condition for allowance.

#### Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, claims 2-5 and 7-12 are now all believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this response. Should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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